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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bruce Tockman et al. Examiner: Omar Khan
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Title: LEAD HAVING VARYING STIFFNESS AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THEREOF

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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2003, said period of response being extended from November 18, 2003 to December 18, 2003.

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